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SBA SEEKS R&D NOMINEES TO COMPETE FOR TIBBETTS TECHNOLOGY AWARD

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is now accepting nominations for the Tibbetts Award, the agency's highest national technology recognition, which is presented annually. The award goes to individuals, small businesses and organizations involved with federal research and development through the SBA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program.

"The Tibbetts Award offers national recognition to these 'models of technology excellence' and we're expecting an especially well-qualified pool of applicants this year," said SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez.

"In the past, the award has gone to firms like ORINCON of San Diego," added the Administrator. "Using SBIR funding, this one company has developed products ranging from software for submarine tracking to a simple, low-cost alarm system for home swimming pools. SBIR makes 21st century technology available today."

The SBIR program accounts for more than \$1 billion per year in federal R&D funds and is coordinated by the SBA in cooperation with 10 other federal agencies. Details on the program and the award nomination process are available on the SBA's home page at www.sba.gov/sbir. Nomination packages are due in to SBA by July 15.

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The SBA's award, named for Roland Tibbetts who spearheaded creation of the SBIR program, last year went to companies and individuals from every state in the nation. This year's presentation will take place in Washington, DC in October.

The small businesses receiving the Tibbetts award will be selected based on, among other considerations, the economic impact of the technological innovation, overall business achievement and demonstration of effective collaborations.

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